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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting
July 12, 2007

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Cathie Bennett Warner, Chair
Michele Burton, M.P.H.
Wilma Chan
Jerome Horton
Vicki Marti
Nancy McFadden
John Longville

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER PRESENT**

Stan Rosenstein, Deputy Director, Medical Care Services, Department of Health Care Services

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT

Thomas Williams, Department of Finance

CMAC STAFF PRESENT

Keith Berger, Executive Director
Tacia Carroll
Paul Cerles
Denise DeTrano
Holland Golec
Mark Klobardanz
Katie Knudson
Genaro Rodriguez
Steve Soto
Becky Swol
Mervin Tamai
Karen Thalhammer

I. Call to Order

The July 12, 2007 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Nancy McFadden. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The June 28, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

III. Executive Director's Report

Keith Berger, Executive Director, informed the Commissioners that he did not have anything specific to report, except that CMAC staff is working hard on a number of critical negotiations and on the Distressed Hospital Fund process.

Mr. Berger noted that there were two hospital contract amendments and before the Commissioners for their review and action in closed session, as well as an extended discussion on the Distressed Hospital Fund and several important updates and discussions regarding current hospital and managed care negotiations and ongoing negotiation strategies.

Mr. Berger welcomed Stan Rosenstein, Deputy Director, Medical Care Services and John Mendoza, Chief, Inpatient Contract and Monitoring Section and Safety Net Financing Division of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), who were there in the absence of Toby Douglas.

IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

John Mendoza, began the DHCS report by informing CMAC that DHCS continues to wait for the federal Government to define physician cost reimbursement principles before finalizing approval of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) on physician services. He noted that DHCS anticipates a response by August 24, 2007.

Regarding the Health Coverage Initiative, part of the Hospital Financing Waiver, Mr. Mendoza indicated that DHCS received special terms and conditions from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 28. He said that DHCS did have some concerns about several contract policy issues, such as requirements regarding intergovernmental transfers (IGT) for private hospitals. DHCS recently met with the 10 Counties regarding these issues, and plans to share its concerns with CMS in the near future.

Mr. Mendoza informed CMAC that DHCS received the first data set on the modeling for the Administration's Health Care Reform effort. He noted that the data would be shared with hospitals today.

V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment

There being no further new business and no comments from the public, Commissioner McFadden recessed the open session. Chair Bennett Warner opened the closed session, and after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Chair Bennett Warner announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.